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2. AF/DAS HOUDEK VISITED KAMPALA APRIL 10 - 11. IN
A THREE HOUR SESSION WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI, HOUDEK
DISCUSSED THE RWANDAN PROBLEM, NOTING THAT THERE IS A

[REDACTED], AND THAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO
ENCOURAGE A RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION; DISCUSSED
THE CURRENT SITUATIONS IN ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN;
ENCOURAGED THE PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE MAKING HUMAN
RIGHTS A PRIORITY FOCUS; AND CONGRATULATED HIM ON
RECENT STEPS TAKEN TO CONTROL THE ECONOMIC SITUATION.

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[REDACTED] HOUDEK SAID HE WOULD REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE RPF/RWANDA CONFLICT WHEN HE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA. (THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR LATER TOLD HOUDEK NEITHER THE FRENCH NOR THE BELGIANS HAD CREDIBILITY WITH BOTH SIDES; HE SAID ONLY THE U.S. FIT THE ROLE, AND URGED THE U.S. TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE.)

4. HOUDEK ALSO MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SSEMOGERERE, BRIEFING HIM ON THE ETHIOPIAN AND SUDANESE SITUATIONS; AND WITH TWO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

DISCUSSION WITH THE JOURNALISTS FOCUSED ON THE RWANDAN SITUATION. THEY CLAIMED THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE DID NOT SUPPORT ALLEGATIONS OF GOU SUPPORT FOR THE RPF, EXCEPT IN MINOR WAYS: FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ACCESS TO RADIO COMMUNICATION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] END SUMMARY.

5. AF/DAS ROBERT HOUDEK VISITED KAMPALA APRIL 10-11, FOLLOWING HIS DISCUSSIONS IN ADDIS ABABA ON THE FRINGES OF THE HORN OF AFRICA CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN ISSUES. THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM ACCOMPANIED HOUDEK TO ALL OF HIS MEETINGS. HOUDEK MET FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI, AND HAD SHORTER MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PAUL SSEMOGERERE, RWANDAN AMBASSADOR CLAVER KANYARUSHOKI, AND WITH THE [REDACTED] JOURNALISTS. [REDACTED]

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AMBASSADOR HOSTED A DINNER FOR HOUDEK; ATTENDEES

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INCLUDED FOREIGN MINISTER SSEMOGERERE AND SECRETARY
FOR DEFENSE BEN MBONYE.

RWANDA

6. HOUDEK TOLD MUSEVENI THAT UGANDA HAS A
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"PERCEPTION PROBLEM" WITH RESPECT TO RWANDA. GIVEN
THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE RPF CAMPS, WHETHER
IN RWANDA CLOSE TO THE UGANDA BORDER, OR IN UGANDA;

[REDACTED] HOUDEK SAID THAT
A DEFINITION OF SOVEREIGNTY IS THAT YOU CONTROL YOUR
OWN TERRITORY. HE ADDED THAT OF GREAT CONCERN IS THE
FACT THAT THE RWANDA/RPF PROBLEM IS IGNITING THE
ETHNIC TINDER BOX SITUATIONS IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOUDEK SAID
THAT, ON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, HE WILL SEE WHAT
POSSIBILITY THERE IS FOR MOVEMENT, ESPECIALLY NOW
THAT THERE IS A NEW GOVERNMENT IN PLACE IN KIGALI.
IN A SEPARATE MEETING LATER THAT DAY, THE RWANDAN
AMBASSADOR KANYARUSHOKI TOLD HOUDEK THAT THE BELGIANS
ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA, AND
HAVE ALIENATED THE RPF; AND THAT THE FRENCH ARE NOT
ACCEPTABLE TO THE RPF. HE SAID IT WAS TIME FOR THE
U.S. TO GET INVOLVED "AGAIN," REFERRING TO AMBASSADOR
HICKS' EFFORTS IN EARLY 1991. HOUDEK SAID HIS TRIP
WAS ONLY "TO TEST THE WIND," AND MADE NO COMMITMENT.
(KANYARUSHOKI WAS "HOPEFUL" THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT
WILL HELP THE SITUATION, BUT NEGATIVE ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY THAT THE RPF AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE
ABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, HE "DIDN'T

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KNOW" IF THE RPF REALLY WANTS ELECTIONS, AND SAID IT WOULD BE QUITE DIFFICULT TO INTEGRATE THE RPF INTO THE ARMY. HOUDEK SAID THAT, WITH GOOD WILL, IT COULD BE DONE; KANYARUSHOKI REMAINED DOUBTFUL.)

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11. THE CONVERSATION OVER BREAKFAST WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FOCUSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON THE RWANDA
SITUATION. [REDACTED] PARTICULARLY, [REDACTED] FOLLOWED
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IT CLOSELY, HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACTS, AND HAD SPENT A
WEEK IN KIGALI IN JANUARY. [] TOOK
SPECIAL EFFORTS TO EVALUATE AND REPORT EVEN-HANDEDLY,
BUT A RECENT AFRICA WATCH REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS
ABUSES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA CONVINCED HER THAT
[] HAD BEEN "TOO OBJECTIVE" IN RWANDA'S FAVOR.
THEIR CONCLUSIONS:

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-- UGANDA IS NOT SUPPLYING ARMS, BUT DOES HELP WITH
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND
HOSPITALIZATION FOR SENIOR RPF OFFICERS.

-- PRIVATE CITIZENS IN UGANDA ARE HELPING THE RPF

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WITH "LOTS OF FOOD."

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12. COMMENT:

END COMMENT.

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ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN

13. HOUDEK BRIEFED PRESIDENT MUSEVENI AND FONMIN
SSEMOGERERE (SEPARATELY) ON THE SITUATIONS IN
ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN.

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(HOUDEK NOTED THAT THERE ARE TWO INITIATIVES GOING
ON: THAT OF QADHAFI, TO "ARABIZE;" AND THAT OF IRAN
AND SAUDI ARABIA TO ISLAMICIZE.)

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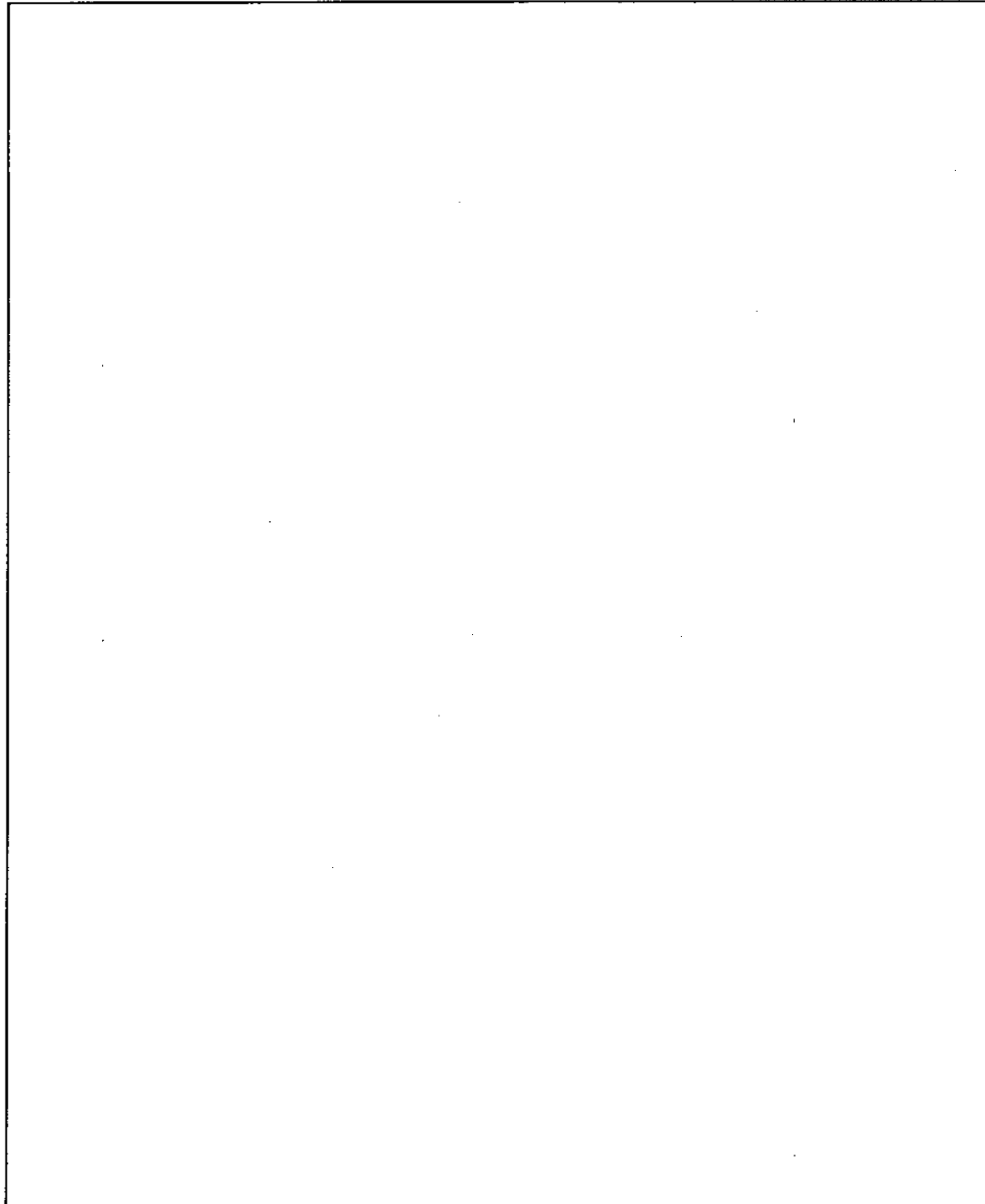
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ECONOMIC SITUATION

18. HOUDEK NOTED THAT UGANDA WAS DOING WELL IN THE
ECONOMIC FIELD. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN

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SOME PROBLEMS, MUSEVENI HAD TAKEN ACTIONS TO DEAL
WITH THEM.

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GOVERNANCE

19. [] SAID THAT THE MAIN CONCERN OF UGANDANS NOW IS "COMPETENT GOVERNMENT," WHICH THEY DO NOT HAVE. THE TWO JOURNALISTS SAID THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IS PRETTY GOOD, AND THE RECENT RESISTANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS GAVE THE POPULACE REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR CHOICE, BUT CORRUPTION AND INCOMPETENCE ARE DENYING THEM GOOD GOVERNMENT. [] SAID HE BELIEVES THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT HAS TO GIVE UP ITS IDEA OF "BROAD BASED" GOVERNMENT, AND GO FOR COMPETENCE, EVEN IF THAT MEANS THAT EVERY REGION WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED IN THE CABINET.

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THE GCA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

20. HOUDEK TOLD MUSEVENI THAT A/S COHEN WAS PLANNING TO COME TO THE MAY 8-9 GLOBAL COALITION FOR AFRICA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN UGANDA. HOUDEK SAID COHEN WOULD APPRECIATE SOME MOMENTS OF MUSEVENI'S TIME FOR A BILATERAL MEETING; MUSEVENI SAID HE WOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AS LONG AS HE WANTED.

21. DAS HOUDEK HAS NOT CLEARED THIS CABLE.

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